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Title: Need for a comprehensive legislation to check use of insecticides, pesticides and preservatives.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (VADAKARA): An alarming situation has arisen in the health delivery system of our country as a result of contamination of food items from excessive use of insecticides, pesticides, preservatives and other hazardous substances. The food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe have all become injurious to health. The rising incidence of Cancer across the country, even among young children, is a clear manifestation of the malady facing our health sector. There is, therefore, an urgent need to revisit our Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, The Insecticides Act, Air and Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Acts and all health Laws and to bring about a new, comprehensive legislation to check the use of insecticides, pesticides and preservatives, right from the farms up to the sales counter. I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to bring about strict legislation in this matter.